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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11

DELPHI CORPORATION, et al., : Case No. 05-44481 (RDD)

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(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

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MOTION FOR ORDER, SOLELY AS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES, EXTENDING DEBTORS' EXCLUSIVE PERIODS WITHIN WHICH TO FILE AND SOLICIT ACCEPTANCES OF REORGANIZATION PLAN UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)

("FOURTH § 1121(d) STATUTORY COMMITTEE EXCLUSIVITY EXTENSION MOTION")

Delphi Corporation ("Delphi") and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby submit this motion (the "Motion") for an order under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) further extending, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees (as defined below), the Debtors' exclusive periods within which to file and solicit acceptances of a plan of reorganization, and respectfully represent as follows:

#### Background

## A. The Chapter 11 Filings

- 1. On October 8 and 14, 2005, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for reorganization relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, as then amended (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession under Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108. This Court has ordered joint administration of these cases.
- 2. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these cases. On October 17, 2005, the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). On April 28, 2006, the U.S. Trustee appointed an official committee of equity holders (together with the Creditors' Committee, the "Statutory Committees"). On February 26, 2009, the U.S. Trustee appointed an official committee of retired employees to represent certain of the Debtors' current active salaried employees, retirees, and their spouses for certain limited purposes.

3. On December 10, 2007, the Debtors filed the First Amended Joint Plan Of Reorganization Of Delphi Corporation And Certain Affiliates, Debtors And Debtors-In-Possession (Docket No. 11386) (the "Plan") and the First Amended Disclosure Statement with respect to the Plan (Docket No. 11388) (the "December 10 Disclosure Statement"). The Court subsequently entered an order approving the adequacy of the December 10 Disclosure Statement and granting the related solicitation procedures motion (Docket No. 11389). On January 25, 2008, the Court entered an order confirming the Plan (as modified) (Docket No. 12359) (the "Confirmation Order"), and the order became final on February 4, 2008. Although the Debtors on April 4, 2008 had satisfied the conditions required to substantially consummate the Plan, as confirmed by this Court (the "Confirmed Plan"), including obtaining \$6.1 billion of exit financing, Delphi's Plan Investors (as defined in the Confirmed Plan) refused to participate in a closing that was commenced but not completed and refused to fund their Investment Agreement (as defined in the Confirmed Plan) with Delphi. On May 16, 2008, Delphi filed complaints for damages and specific performance against the Plan Investors and related parties who refused to honor their equity financing commitments or participate in the closing that would have led to Delphi's successful emergence from chapter 11. The Debtors nevertheless have continued to work with their stakeholders to achieve their goal of emerging from chapter 11 as soon as practicable. On October 3, 2008, Delphi filed a motion (Docket No. 14310)

Although two parties-in-interest (the Creditors' Committee and Wilmington Trust Company, as indenture trustee) commenced actions to revoke the Confirmation Order, those adversary proceedings have been stayed indefinitely by stipulated orders between those parties and the Debtors. In addition, at the confirmation hearing the Court reserved for itself the remedy of vacating the Confirmation Order (see Hr'g Tr., 45, 67-68, Jan. 17, 2008), which is a power available to the Court to address a result that is either fundamentally unfair or is the product of an abuse of process in the bankruptcy court.

(the "Plan Modification Motion") under 11 U.S.C. § 1127 for an order approving (i) certain modifications to the Confirmed Plan and December 10 Disclosure Statement and (ii) related procedures for re-soliciting votes on the Confirmed Plan, as modified. In light of the unprecedented decline in global automotive production volumes and the deepening of the crisis in global debt and equity markets, the Debtors adjourned the hearing on the Plan Modification Motion to April 23, 2009 (Docket No. 16403). The adjournment has facilitated the Debtors' consideration of further supplemental plan modifications required by the current economic environment.

4. On April 30, 2008, the Debtors obtained an extension, subject to certain exceptions described below, of their exclusive right under section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code to file one or more reorganization plans until 30 days after substantial consummation of the Confirmed Plan or any modified plan and the exclusive right to solicit and obtain acceptances for those plans until 90 days after substantial consummation of the Confirmed Plan or any modified plan.<sup>2</sup> The Debtors' exclusive right to file a plan, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees (the "Plan Proposal Period"), has been extended through and including March 31, 2009, and the right to solicit a plan, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees (the "Solicitation Period," and, together with the Plan Proposal Period, the "Exclusive Periods"), has been extended through and including May 31, 2009.<sup>3</sup>

See Order Under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) Extending Debtors' Exclusive Periods Within Which To File And Solicit Acceptances Of Reorganization Plan, dated April 30, 2008 (Docket No. 13483) (the "Postconfirmation Exclusivity Order").

See Order, Solely As To Statutory Committees, Extending Under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) Debtors' Exclusive Periods Within Which To File And Solicit Acceptances Of Reorganization Plan, dated

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- 6. The statutory predicate for the relief requested herein, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees, is section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as amended and in effect on October 8, 2005.

## B. Current Business Operations Of The Debtors

7. Delphi and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "Company") as of December 31, 2008 had global net sales of \$18.1 billion and global assets of approximately \$10.3 billion.<sup>4</sup> At the time of its chapter 11 filing, Delphi ranked as the fifth largest public company business reorganization in terms of revenues and the thirteenth largest public company business reorganization in terms of assets. Delphi's non-U.S. subsidiaries are not chapter 11 debtors and have continued their business operations without supervision from the Court.<sup>5</sup>

July 31, 2008 (Docket No. 14009) (the "First § 1121(d) Statutory Committee Exclusivity Extension Order"); Order, Solely As To Statutory Committees, Extending Debtors' Exclusive Periods With Which To File And Solicit Acceptances Of Reorganization Plan Under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d), dated October 27, 2008 (Docket No. 14373) (the "Second § 1121(d) Statutory Committee Exclusivity Extension Order"); Order, Solely As To Statutory Committees, Extending Debtors' Exclusive Periods With Which To File And Solicit Acceptances Of Reorganization Plan Under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d), dated December 17, 2008 (Docket No. 14603) (the "Third § 1121(d) Statutory Committee Exclusivity Extension Order," and together with the Postconfirmation Exclusivity Order, the First § 1121(d) Statutory Committee Exclusivity Extension Order, and the Second § 1121(d) Statutory Committee Exclusivity Extension Order, the "Postconfirmation Exclusivity Orders").

The aggregated financial data used herein generally consists of consolidated information from Delphi and its worldwide subsidiaries and affiliates as disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K filed on March 3, 2009.

On March 20, 2007, Delphi Automotive Systems Espana S.L. ("DASE"), whose sole operation is a non-core automotive component plant in Cadiz, Spain, filed a "Concurso" application for a Spanish insolvency proceeding, which was approved by the Spanish court on April 13, 2007. On July 4, 2007, DASE, its Concurso receivers, and the Cadiz workers councils and unions reached a settlement on a

- 8. The Company is a leading global technology innovator with significant engineering resources and technical competencies in a variety of disciplines, and is one of the largest global suppliers of vehicle electronics, transportation components, integrated systems and modules, and other electronic technology. The Company supplies products to nearly every major global automotive original equipment manufacturer ("OEM").
- 9. Delphi was incorporated in Delaware in 1998 as a wholly owned subsidiary of General Motors Corporation ("GM"). Prior to January 1, 1999, GM conducted the Company's business through various divisions and subsidiaries. Effective January 1, 1999, the assets and liabilities of these divisions and subsidiaries were transferred to the Company in accordance with the terms of a Master Separation Agreement between Delphi and GM. In connection with these transactions, Delphi accelerated its evolution from a North American-based, captive automotive supplier to a global supplier of components, integrated systems, and modules for a wide range of customers and applications. Although GM is still the Company's single largest customer, today more than two-thirds of Delphi's revenue is generated from non-GM sources.

# C. Events Leading To The Chapter 11 Filing

10. In the first two years following Delphi's separation from GM, the Company generated approximately \$2 billion in net income. Every year thereafter, however, with the exception of 2002, the Company has suffered net operating losses. In calendar year 2004, the Company reported a net loss of approximately \$4.8 billion on

social plan, the funding of which was approved by this Court on July 19, 2007. The Spanish court approved the social plan on July 31, 2007. The Concurso proceeding is consistent with Delphi's transformation plan to optimize its manufacturing footprint and to lower its overall cost structure.

\$28.6 billion in net sales.<sup>6</sup> Reflective of a continued downturn in the marketplace, in 2005 Delphi incurred net losses of approximately \$2.4 billion on net sales of \$26.9 billion.

Moreover, in 2006 the Debtors incurred a net loss of \$5.5 billion, \$3.0 billion of which comprised charges related to the U.S. employee special attrition programs, and in 2007, the Debtors incurred a net loss of \$3.1 billion. Although the Debtors recorded a net gain of \$3.0 billion in 2008, which incorporated a recorded gain of \$5.3 billion in connection with the effectiveness of the Amended GSA (as defined below), the Company's net operating loss for the year was \$1.5 billion.

- 11. The Debtors believe that the Company's financial performance was deteriorating from the spinoff to the petition date because of (i) increasingly unsustainable U.S. legacy liabilities and operational restrictions preventing the Debtors from exiting non-profitable, non-core operations, all of which had the effect of creating largely fixed labor costs, (ii) a competitive U.S. vehicle production environment for domestic OEMs resulting in the reduced number of motor vehicles that GM produces annually in the United States and related pricing pressures, and (iii) increasing commodity prices.
- 12. In light of these factors, the Company determined that it would be imprudent and irresponsible to defer addressing and resolving its U.S. legacy liabilities, product portfolio, operational issues, and forward-looking revenue requirements. Because discussions with its major stakeholders had not progressed sufficiently by the end of the

Reported net losses in calendar year 2004 reflect a \$4.1 billion tax charge, primarily related to the recording of a valuation allowance on U.S. deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2004. The Company's net operating loss in calendar year 2004 was \$482 million.

third quarter of 2005, the Company commenced these chapter 11 cases for its U.S. businesses to complete its transformation plan and preserve value for its stakeholders.

## D. The Debtors' Transformation Plan

transformation plan that it believed would enable it to return to stable, profitable business operations. The Debtors stated that they needed to focus on five key areas: first, modifying the Company's labor agreements to create a competitive arena in which to conduct business; second, concluding their negotiations with GM to finalize GM's financial support for the Debtors' legacy and labor costs and to ascertain GM's business commitment to the Company; third, streamlining their product portfolio to capitalize on their world-class technology and market strengths and make the necessary manufacturing alignment with their new focus; fourth, transforming their salaried workforce to ensure that the Company's organizational and cost structure is competitive and aligned with its product portfolio and manufacturing footprint; and fifth, devising a workable solution to their pension situation.

## E. <u>Plan Confirmation And Postconfirmation Matters</u>

14. The Confirmed Plan is based upon a series of global settlements and compromises that involve nearly every major constituency in the Debtors' reorganization cases, including Delphi's labor unions and GM. The effectiveness of certain of these agreements, including the Debtors' two comprehensive agreements with GM (the "Original GSA" and the "Original MRA"), was conditioned on consummation of the Confirmed Plan. After the Plan Investors refused to fund their obligations under the Investment Agreement, the Debtors nevertheless continued working with their stakeholders to evaluate their options to move forward to emerge from chapter 11 as soon as reasonably practicable.

- 15. In connection with those discussions, on September 12, 2008, Delphi announced steps that it was taking to complete the successful restructuring of its U.S. operations and transformation of the Company on a global basis. Those steps included implementing amended, comprehensive settlement agreements with GM, taking action then intended to fund and preserve Delphi's hourly and salaried pension plans, and completing the reaffirmation process for Delphi's August 2008 Reaffirmed Plan Of Reorganization Business Plan.
- Debtors filed a motion for approval of two comprehensive agreements with GM: the Amended and Restated Global Settlement Agreement (the "Amended GSA") and the Amended and Restated Master Restructuring Agreement (the "Amended MRA"). On September 26, 2008, this Court entered an order authorizing the Debtors' implementation of the Amended GSA and the Amended MRA, the provisions of which became effective on September 29, 2008.
- 17. Through the Amended GSA and Amended MRA, the Debtors addressed two fundamental tenets of their Transformation Plan: (i) obtaining financial support from GM for certain of Delphi's legacy and labor costs and GM's business commitments to Delphi going forward and (ii) devising a workable solution to Delphi's pension funding situation. Under the Amended GSA and Amended MRA, GM agreed to contribute substantial additional value to the Debtors and eliminate significant elements of conditionality to the performance of GM's obligations. Delphi estimated the value of the net consideration received under the Amended GSA and Amended MRA to be

approximately \$10.6 billion (increased from approximately \$6.0 billion under the Original GSA and Original MRA).

- through the Amended GSA and Amended MRA and freezing Delphi's hourly pension plan (which was also approved as part of the Amended GSA with the consent of Delphi's U.S. unions), Delphi made substantial progress towards achieving its pension funding strategy objectives for hourly employees. In addition, on September 23, 2008, this Court entered an order authorizing the Debtors to take certain actions with respect to certain of their pension plans for salaried employees and to implement replacement pension plans that will be more cost-effective for the remainder of their chapter 11 cases and after emergence from chapter 11.
- the Debtors were able to formulate certain modifications to the Confirmed Plan which are set forth in the Plan Modification Motion. Since the filing of the proposed modifications, however, substantial uncertainty and a significant decline in capacity in the credit markets, the global economic downturn generally, and the current economic climate in the automotive industry, have adversely impacted Delphi's ability to develop a revised recapitalization plan and successfully consummate a confirmed plan of reorganization. Delphi, therefore, continues to engage in discussions with certain of its stakeholders to formulate further plan modifications. Moreover, as a result of the market turbulence, the Debtors were unable to extend the maturity date of their DIP credit facility on terms reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and their other stakeholders. Accordingly, with the

support of the agent and the requisite lenders to the DIP credit facility, the Debtors entered into an accommodation agreement which allows the Debtors, among other things, to continue using certain of the proceeds of the postpetition financing facility through June 30, 2009. In addition, to further support the Debtors' liquidity, GM agreed to make certain advances and to accelerate payment of certain payables to the Debtors.

and depressed global capital and equity markets. As part of the Debtors' efforts to achieve sufficient emergence capital funding, Delphi and GM are constructively working together to pull forward elements of GM's previously agreed-upon support for Delphi into one payment at emergence in combination with the transfer of certain of Delphi's U.S. sites to GM. This arrangement is designed to facilitate Delphi's emergence from chapter 11 notwithstanding the current state of the global economy, the automotive industry, and the capital markets. In the meantime, Delphi will marshal all of its resources to continue to deliver high-quality products to its customers globally. Additionally, the Company will seek to preserve and continue the strategic growth of its non-U.S. operations and maintain its prominence as one of the world's premier auto suppliers.

#### Relief Requested

21. The Debtors seek to extend the Exclusive Periods (solely as to the Statutory Committees) under section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code to prevent any lapse in exclusivity as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees. The Debtors seek entry of an order further extending (a) the Plan Proposal Period, solely as between the

Debtors and the Statutory Committees, through and including May 31, 2009 and (b) the Solicitation Period, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees, through and including July 31, 2009. Although the Debtors are requesting a further extension of the Exclusive Periods solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees, the Debtors nonetheless anticipate emerging from chapter 11 as soon as reasonably practicable. As explained above, the Exclusive Periods as to all other parties-in-interest are currently extended until after substantial consummation of the Confirmed Plan or any modified plan.

## Basis For Relief

22. As noted above, the Debtors filed a reorganization plan, solicited acceptances of that plan, obtained confirmation of it, and, after the Confirmation Order became final, commenced a formal closing process that was suspended on April 4, 2008 pending the Debtors' pursuit of their remedies against the Plan Investors in ongoing litigation and exploration with their stakeholders of possible modifications to the Confirmed Plan. The Debtors implemented the Amended GSA and Amended MRA and filed proposed modifications to the Confirmed Plan as part of the Plan Modification Approval Motion. Due to the dramatic decline in volumes in the auto industry, the Debtors are continuing to negotiate with GM for further support. In particular, Delphi and GM are constructively working together to pull forward elements of GM's previously agreed support for Delphi into one payment at emergence in combination with the transfer of certain of Delphi's U.S. sites to GM. The Debtors' are also negotiating and finalizing modifications to the Plan necessary or appropriate to emerge from chapter 11.

- 23. The requested extension of the Exclusive Periods is consistent with the milestones set forth in the accommodation agreement, and subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to which the Debtors can continue to use certain of the proceeds of the DIP credit facility through June 30, 2009 subject to certain conditions (the "Accommodation Agreement"). Specifically, as set forth in the Accommodation Agreement, as amended, by April 2, 2009 the Debtors anticipate filing further modifications to the Modified Plan. Thereafter, the Debtors anticipate obtaining approval of modifications to the disclosure statement with respect to those plan modifications by May 2, 2009. Because this is a highly complex case, the Debtors would expect to use the intervening time period between now and the end of the accommodation period (June 30, 2009) to negotiate with their constituents to facilitate, if possible, (i) consensual modifications to the plan, (ii) confirmation of the resulting plan, and (iii) emergence from chapter 11.
- 24. As a policy matter, the Exclusive Periods are intended to afford chapter 11 debtors a full and fair opportunity to rehabilitate their businesses and to negotiate, propose, confirm, and consummate a reorganization plan without the deterioration and disruption of their businesses that might be caused by the filing of competing reorganization plans by non-debtor parties. <u>In re Dow Corning Corp.</u>, 208 B.R.

On February 25, 2009, the Debtors obtained Court approval to the further amend the Accommodation Agreement to preserve liquidity as the Debtors continue their restructuring efforts. These amendments include (i) a new cash collateral basket of up to \$117 million in cash or permitted securities to be included in the Debtors' Accommodation Period borrowing base that may be permanently released to the Debtors if they meet certain conditions rather than being used to pay down tranches A and B of the DIP as originally required under the Accommodation Agreement and (ii) reducing the minimum liquidity covenant from \$100 million to \$50 million if certain conditions are met. If the Debtors fail to meet certain milestones set forth in the agreement, then they would be required to apply the cash collateral

basket towards the repayment of the tranche A and tranche B loans.

661, 670 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 1997) (stating that primary consideration in determining whether to terminate exclusive periods "should be whether or not doing so would facilitate moving the case forward"). The Debtors are using the time to facilitate emergence from chapter 11 and further its transformation plan, which is consistent with the policy described in <a href="Dow Corning">Dow Corning</a>. Therefore a further extension of the Exclusive Periods is justified.

- 25. The Debtors have continued to make progress in their reorganization as follows:
  - First, as already described above, the Debtors, with the support of the agent to the Debtors' DIP credit facility and the requisite lenders to the facility, have entered into Court-approved amendments to the Accommodation Agreement, which permit the continued use of certain of the proceeds from their DIP credit facility through June 30, 2009, subject to the achievement of certain milestones.
  - Second, the Debtors have obtained Court authority to amend the Partial Temporary Accelerated Payment Agreement<sup>8</sup> to pull forward (from the second quarter to the first quarter of 2009) GM's prepayment of up to \$100 million of the \$300 million accelerated trade payments covered by the agreement.
  - Third, the Debtors have received provisional approval to terminate certain salaried retiree benefits, thereby eliminating more than \$1.1 billion in liabilities from their balance sheet.
- 26. Concurrently with the relief sought herein, the Debtors have filed motions seeking approval of several agreements reached with GM in order to supplement the Debtors' liquidity position and to substantially complete Delphi's portfolio transformation through the sale of Delphi's global Steering business to GM. First, the Debtors are seeking approval of an agreement under which GM will exercise its option to

The Partial Temporary Accelerated Payment Agreement (Docket No. 14704) is an agreement between the Debtors and GM whereby GM has agreed to provide up to an additional aggregate \$300 million in early 2009 by temporarily accelerating certain accounts payable to Delphi.

purchase Delphi's Steering business as contemplated under the Amended MRA. Second, the Debtors are seeking approval of two amendments to the GM-Delphi Agreement, one to increase GM's total commitment from \$300 million to \$350 million, and a further amendment to increase GM's total commitment to \$450 million by March 24, 2009. The amended GM-Delphi Agreement also increases from \$25 million to \$50 million the amount by which advances under the GM-Delphi Agreement can exceed Delphi's projection of net cash usage during times when the Minimum Liquidity Amount is reduced to \$50 million from \$100 million.

- 27. An extension is further justified because the markets have remained extremely volatile and liquidity in the capital markets has been nearly frozen, resulting in an unprecedented challenge for the Debtors to successfully attract emergence capital funding for their Modified Plan. Nevertheless, as described above, GM has committed near-term liquidity support to Delphi, and the Debtors have negotiated revised milestones with their lenders. As reflected in the recent amendment to the Accommodation Agreement, the agent for the DIP credit facility and the participating lenders under the Accommodation Agreement support the Debtors' efforts to use this time to facilitate progress towards emergence from chapter 11.9
- 28. Moreover, the Debtors continue to litigate against the Plan Investors and related parties with respect to their refusal to honor their commitments under the Investment Agreement. Combined with the other accomplishments detailed below, the unresolved contingencies relating to emergence, and the size and complexity of the

The supplemental amendment to the accommodation agreement (the "Accommodation Amendment Supplement") (Docket No. 16329) further shows that a majority of the lenders in the most senior tranches support the Debtors' reorganization efforts.

Debtors' cases, the Debtors' continued progress toward emergence justifies a further extension of the Exclusive Periods solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees.

#### Applicable Authority

- One plan of reorganization. See 11 U.S.C. § 1129(c). Because the Plan was confirmed on January 25, 2008 pursuant to the Confirmation Order that became final on February 4, 2008, and because that order cannot be revoked unless "procured by fraud," see 11 U.S.C. § 1144, no other plan of reorganization may now be filed or solicited in these cases. Instead, unless the Confirmed Plan is withdrawn by the Debtors in accordance with the discretion granted to them by § 14.7(a) of the Confirmed Plan, only modifications to the Confirmed Plan proposed and prosecuted by the Debtors in accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code may be considered by the Court. Thus, section 1129(c) of the Bankruptcy Code operates to extend the exclusive periods until the Confirmed Plan (as modified or otherwise) becomes effective. The Debtors and the Statutory Committees, however, have expressly reserved in the Postconfirmation Exclusivity Orders their rights to address, if any of the Exclusive Periods expires, whether 11 U.S.C. § 1129(c) prevents the Statutory Committees from filing and soliciting a competing plan of reorganization.
- 30. Nevertheless, section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code permits the court to extend a debtor's exclusive periods upon a demonstration of cause:

On request of a party in interest made within the respective periods specified in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and after notice and a hearing, the court may for cause reduce or increase the 120-day period or the 180-day period referred to in this section.

11 U.S.C. § 1121(d). The court in <u>In re McLean Industries</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 87 B.R. 830 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1987), identified the following factors as relevant to the determination of "cause" to extend a debtor's Exclusive Periods:

- (a) the existence of good-faith progress toward reorganization;
- (b) existence of an unresolved contingency;
- (c) the size and complexity of the debtor's case;
- (d) a finding that the debtor is not seeking to extend exclusivity to pressure creditors "to accede to [the debtor's] reorganization demands"; and
- (e) the fact that the debtor is paying its bills as they come due.

  Id. at 834; accord In re Hoffinger Indus., Inc., 292 B.R. 639, 644 (B.A.P. 8th Cir. 2003)

  (stating that not all factors "are relevant in every case" and court has discretion to "decide which factors are relevant and give the appropriate weight to each").
- 31. At least one court has noted that "cause may be measured by a more lenient standard in the determination to grant an enlargement of time in which to gain acceptances to a <u>filed plan.</u>" <u>Gaines v. Perkins</u> (In re Perkins), 71 B.R. 294, 299 (W.D. Tenn. 1987) (emphasis added); <u>see also In re Express One Int'l, Inc.</u>, 194 B.R. 98 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 1996) (denying motion to terminate and granting motion to extend exclusivity based in part on debtors' filing of plan and disclosure statement and imminent hearing on disclosure statement). The same standard should apply when a debtor has confirmed a plan and has moved for approval of modifications to the confirmed plan in accordance with section 1127.
- 32. In other cases of similar size and complexity to Delphi's, courts have extended the debtors' exclusive rights to propose a plan of reorganization for periods

similar to those requested by the Debtors. See, e.g., In re Solutia Inc., No. 03-17949 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 1, 2007) (extending periods for more than 43 months); In re W.R. Grace & Co., No. 01-01139 (Bankr. D. Del. Oct. 3, 2006) (extending exclusive periods for more than six years); In re Kaiser Aluminum Corp., No. 02-10429 (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 2, 2005) (extending periods for approximately 43 months). In these cases, based upon the preceding factors and in line with other cases of similar size and complexity, sufficient cause exists for a prophylactic extension of the Exclusive Periods as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees.

## F. The Debtors Have Made Good-Faith Progress Toward Reorganization

- 33. An extension of a debtor's exclusive periods is justified by a debtor's progress in resolving issues facing its creditors and estates. McLean Indus., 87 B.R. at 834; In re AMKO Plastics, Inc., 197 B.R. 74, 77 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 1996). As set forth above, the Debtors' progress in these cases thus far is significant and compels a further extension of the Exclusive Periods, should it be necessary.
- 34. <u>Liquidity Agreements</u>. The Debtors' good-faith progress towards reorganization is most convincingly demonstrated by the recent amendments to the Accommodation Agreement, which continue to permit the continued use of certain of the proceeds from its DIP credit facility through June 30, 2009 (subject to certain conditions); by the Debtors' and GM's agreement to further amend and extend the current GM-Delphi Agreement to, among other things, increase GM's total commitment from \$300 million to \$350 million, and a further increase to \$450 million by March 24, 2009; and by the amended Partial Temporary Accelerated Payment Agreement with GM to pull forward into the first quarter of 2009 up to \$100 million the \$300 million in liquidity enhancement.

Moreover, the Debtors have continued their discussions with their key stakeholders in an effort to secure support for proposed modifications to the Confirmed Plan that would allow the Debtors to implement a new path to emergence and maximize value for all their stakeholders.

- 35. <u>Claims reconciliation</u>. The Debtors have reconciled most of the nearly 17,000 proofs of claim filed in these cases, which assert in the aggregate approximately \$34.0 billion in liquidated amounts plus certain unliquidated amounts. As of February 28, 2009, the Debtors have objected to approximately 13,400 claims asserting nearly \$10.1 billion (plus additional unliquidated amounts) and this Court has granted relief with respect to approximately \$10.5 billion in asserted liquidated claims (plus additional unliquidated claims).
- 36. Other key accomplishments. In addition, since the Debtors last sought an extension of the Exclusivity Periods, they have also:
  - (a) obtained orders sustaining the 32nd and 33rd omnibus claims objections;
  - (b) obtained approval of procedures to sell a parcel of real property located in Anaheim, California to Bircher Anaheim Magnolia Avenue, LLC for approximately \$20 million;
  - (c) taken steps to further reduce salaried general and administrative expenses; and
  - (d) advanced the Plan Investor litigation by completing fact discovery, conducting expert deposition discovery, and obtaining a Court order approving an amended Joint Case Management Plan.

In summary, the Debtors have continued to make significant, good-faith progress in their chapter 11 cases.

## G. Unresolved Contingencies Still Exist

37. Courts have also cited the need to resolve an important contingency as justification for extending a debtor's exclusive periods. The tasks of negotiating plan modifications, securing exit financing, and obtaining Court approval remain significant for both their magnitude and complexity and amply satisfy the contingency component described in the McLean Industries test.

## H. These Cases Are Large And Complex

- 38. The size and complexity of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases alone constitute sufficient cause to extend the Exclusive Periods as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees. See, e.g., In re Texaco Inc., 76 B.R. 322, 324-25, 326-27 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1987) (granting extension of exclusive periods based on debtor's size in \$28.5 billion asset case with over 300,000 creditors and stockholders); In re United Press Int'l, Inc., 60 B.R. 265, 270 (Bankr. D.D.C. 1986) (granting \$40 million company extension of exclusive periods based on size and complexity of case; "In many much smaller cases, involving far less complications, two or three years go by before the debtor is in a position to file a plan."). These and other authorities show that in large, complex chapter 11 cases, courts consistently extend the debtor's exclusive periods to afford the debtor time to stabilize its business, analyze reliable information to diagnose problems, formulate a long-term business plan, and obtain confirmation of a reorganization plan.
- 39. The Debtors' cases are indisputably large and multi-dimensional. The scope of actions that have been taken, and must be taken, to address Delphi's restructuring requirements is exceedingly complex. At the time of its chapter 11 filing, Delphi ranked as the fifth largest public company business reorganization in terms of

revenues and the thirteenth largest public company business reorganization in terms of assets. Thus, by any measure, the Debtors' chapter 11 cases are sufficiently large and complex to warrant an extension of the Exclusive Periods, as between the Debtors and Statutory Committees, under the authorities cited above. Moreover, in addition to the typical issues that can be anticipated to arise in a large chapter 11 case, the Debtors face numerous challenges that are unique to the distressed automobile industry and some that affect most large businesses that rely on the capital markets. The extension of the exclusive periods is necessary to continue progress in addressing these complexities.

### I. The Debtors Are Using Exclusivity For A Proper Purpose

an extension of the Exclusive Periods as between the Debtors and the Statutory

Committees is not a negotiation tactic. The Debtors negotiated with certain of their stakeholders and obtained their acceptance of the Confirmed Plan. The Debtors have continued to negotiate with certain of their stakeholders, including reaching the Accommodation Agreement (and, most recently, the amendments thereto) with the administrative agent and the majority of the tranche A lenders and tranche B lenders whereby the Debtors can continue to use certain of the proceeds of the DIP credit facility through June 30, 2009 (subject to certain conditions). Accordingly, the Debtors' next steps

will include negotiating and finalizing modifications to the Plan and obtaining emergence capital funding necessary to emerge from chapter 11.

# J. The Debtors Are Paying Their Bills As They Come Due

41. Courts considering an extension of exclusivity may also assess a debtor's liquidity and solvency. See In re Ravenna Indus., Inc., 20 B.R. 886, 890 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1982). The Debtors have satisfied this test by paying their bills as they come due, including the statutory fees paid quarterly to the United States Trustee, and by obtaining Court approval of certain amendments to the Accommodation Agreement, the GM-Delphi Agreement, and the Partial Temporary Accelerated Payment Agreement to enhance the Debtors' liquidity.

## K. The Debtors Have Shown Cause To Further Extend The Exclusive Periods

42. As described above, the Debtors have made significant and productive strides in these chapter 11 cases. Based on this progress and all the other applicable factors, sufficient cause exists to extend the Exclusive Periods as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the relief requested herein is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and other parties-in-interest.

#### Notice

43. Notice of this Motion has been provided in accordance with the Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 102(1) And 105 And Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(m), 9006, 9007, And 9014 Establishing Omnibus Hearing Dates And Certain Notice, Case Management, And Administrative Procedures, entered March 20, 2006 (Docket No. 2883), and the Thirteenth Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 102(1) And 105 And Fed. R.

Bankr. P. 2002(m), 9006, 9007, And 9014 Establishing Omnibus Hearing Dates And Certain Notice, Case Management, And Administrative Procedures, entered December 4, 2008 (Docket No. 14534). In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Debtors submit that no other or further notice is necessary.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order (a) extending the Debtors' exclusive periods, solely as between the Debtors and the Statutory Committees, (i) to file a plan of reorganization through and including May 31, 2009 and (ii) to solicit acceptance of a plan of reorganization through and including July 31, 2009 and (b) granting the Debtors such other and further relief as is just.

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